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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD): US CONSULTATIONS
WITH UNGA PRESIDENT MOJSOV ON CD MEMBERSHIP

REFS: (A) GENEVA 13221 (NOTAL); (B) HAVANA 2225 (NOTAL);
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(E) GENEVA 13390 (NOTAL)
1. FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR USE IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH
MOJSOV ON CD CANDIDACIES, AS PROPOSED REFTEL A.

2. IN EXPLAINING AND DEFENDING US STRONG PREFERENCE FOR
VENEZUELA OVER CUBA, POINTS BELOW AND THOSE CONTAINED
REFTEL B MAY BE USEFUL:

(A) VENEZUELAN "TRACK RECORD" IN DISARMAMENT IS FAR SUPERIOR TO CUBA'S.

(B) VENEZUELA IS A PARTY TO THE GENEVA PROTOCOL, LTBT, TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, NPT, AND BW CONVENTION.

(C) VENEZUELA JOINED OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES IN ADOPTING THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO AND IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF PURSUING THIS INITIATIVE IN REGIONAL CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT.

(D) VENEZUELA IS A KEY PLAYER IN THE AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA (OPANAL) THE GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO.

(E) CUBA, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS A PARTY ONLY TO THE GENEVA PROTOCOL AND BW CONVENTION AND IS THE ONLY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY WHICH HAS NEITHER SIGNED NOR RATIFIED THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE-ZONE IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. IN EXPRESSING OUR STRONG PREFERENCE FOR INDONESIA OVER SRI LANKA AMONG ASIAN CANDIDATES (REFTEL D), POINTS CONTAINED BELOW AND PARA 3 OF REFTTEL MAYBE USEFUL:
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(A) INDONESIA IS THE WORLD'S FIFTH MOST POPULOUS NATION, AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND A MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT ASIAN STATE WITH A STRATEGIC LOCATION ASTRIDE THE STRAITS BETWEEN THE PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEANS.

(B) IT HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A NUMBER OF THE UN PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES.

(C) SINCE SOUTH ASIA IS ALREADY REPRESENTED BY TWO STATES--INDIA AND PAKISTAN--INDONESIA WOULD PROVIDE A BETTER GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE WITHIN THE BROADER REGION OF ASIA. CHRISTOPHER

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